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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO CONSIDER ADOPTING A GENERAL ORDER REQUIRING OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF SPECIFIED VESSEL TERMINALS LOCATED IN NEWPORT BAY AND HUNTINGTON HARBOUR TO INSTALL, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE PUMPOUT FACILITIES AND DUMP STATIONS TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY

Wednesday, November 3, 2004 – 10:00 a.m.
Sierra Hearing Room – Second Floor
Joe Serna, Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
1001 “I” Street, Sacramento, CA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) will hold a public hearing to consider adopting a General Order requiring owners and operators of specified vessel terminals located in Newport Bay and Huntington Harbour to install, maintain and operate vessel waste pumpout facilities and dump stations to protect water quality. The General Order includes an implementation schedule.

BACKGROUND

This action is in response to the September 10, 2003 Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board’s (Regional Board) request to the State Board to “Require the Implementation of a Vessel Sewage Disposal Program in Newport Bay and Huntington Harbour”. The Regional Board’s request included a Pumpout Facility Need Report (Report) that provided an assessment of the current program addressing vessel sewage waste in Newport Bay and Huntington Harbour. The Report found that the current program addressing vessel sewage waste discharges is inadequate and proposed that additional pumpout stations and dump stations be installed in both Huntington Harbour and Newport Bay. The pumpout stations will address sewage discharges from vessels with installed toilets and the dump stations would address sewage discharges from vessels with portable toilets.

The State Board is authorized, under the Harbors and Navigation Code and applicable State Board regulations, to require vessel terminals to install facilities for the transfer and disposal of sewage from marine sanitation devices. The State Board is also authorized to, and has, adopted standards governing the design, construction, operation and maintenance of vessel pumpout facilities. Additional information about this item, including the draft General Order and Fact Sheet, can be accessed electronically through the State Board’s Internet address at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov> or by contacting Diane Edwards at (916) 341-5908.

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

The State Board will accept oral testimony at the public hearing. For the sake of accuracy of the record, written copies of oral comments are required. All comments and recommendations received will be considered by the State Board before taking action. Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 29, 2004 and should be submitted to:

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PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

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Debbie Irvin
Clerk to the Board

September 27, 2004